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Applicants respectfully request entry of the subject Preliminary Amendment.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 are cancelled herein without prejudice. Consideration of Claims 11-19 is respectfully requested.

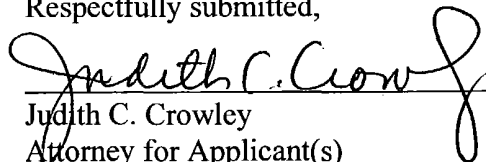
The specification has been amended to refer to parent application no. 09/570,683 in the Cross Reference to Related Applications section.

The amendments to the specification reflect replacement of "Figure 5" with "Figures 5A and 5B" and replacement of "Figure 7" with "Figures 7A and 7B". These changes to the specification are necessary because Figures 5 and 7 have been divided into Figures 5A and 5B and Figures 7A and 7B, respectively, in order to comply with drawing requirements.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this amendment or this application, he or she is respectfully invited and encouraged to contact the undersigning attorney.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0854.

Respectfully submitted,



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